

## What Other Columnists Are Saying

Micahel Tanner, National Review: GOP must save the sequester

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Even a brief *delay of the sequester cuts* would set a precedent, making it virtually impossible to reinstate them later. That would of course lead to an additional \$717 billion in spending, assuming a return to the pre-sequester baseline. And it would also probably signal an end to any attempt at fiscal restraint by Congress. In that case, we could expect a return to the massive spending increases of the Bush and early Obama years. In their understandable desire to reach a deal, Republicans should not give up on the only effective brake on spending and growth of government enacted in years. Save the sequester.